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FOLLOWING IS BEST CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN RESPONSE

REFTEL:

1. FONMIN MWAANGA - WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE HARD LINE IN UN ON

SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND PORTUGUESE COLONIES ISSUES CONSISTENT WITH PAST PERFORMANCE BOTH AS ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN AND TIMES EDITOR, ALSO BECAUSE OF CLOSENESS TO EX-FONNIN NUDENDA, HIS UNCLE. HARSH PAST CRITICISM OF U.S. MAY BE MODERATED SO AS TO CREATE BETTER CLIMATE FOR U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT FOR WHICH NEW FONMIN HAS

INITIALLY SHOWN KEEN INTEREST IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH MINISTRY PLANNING & FINANCE.

2. MIN MINES AND INDUSTRY KASHITA - PROMOTION BASED ON OUTSTANDING ABILITY AND MERIT. POLISHED TECHNOCRAT WITH SUPERIOR INTELLECTUAL AND MANAGERIAL TALENTS. URBANE AND PRAGMATIC. FAVORABLY DISPOSED AND FRIENDLY TOWARD U.S. ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT PRO-BRITISH

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BECAUSE OF MARRIAGE, EDUCATION AND U.K. BUSINESS CONTACTS AS

HEAD OF INDECO. VISITED U. S. IN 1973 AND IMPRESSED WITH TRADE
POTENTIAL. LIKELY TO CROSS
SWORDS WITH FORMER MIN MINES MULEMBA
WHO REMAINS VERY ACTIVE CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON ECONOMY AND FINANCE.

3. MIN PLANNING AND FINANCE CHIKWANDA - AN ECONOMIST AND IDEA
MAN MORE THAN AN ADMINISTRATOR. HE WAS ILL AT EASE AS MINISTER OF
HEALTH AND IS NOW IN HIS ELEMENT IN KEY ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL
POST. CLOSE FRIEND OF FOREIGN MINISTER AND CLOSE COLLABORATION
TWO MINISTRIES EXIECTED. BOTH ARE INTERESTED IN CREATING MORE
PROFESSIONAL AND FAVORABLE
INPRESSION OF ZAMBIAN BUREAUCRACY AND
INVESTMENT POTENTIAL IN AND OUT OF
COUNTRY. CHIKWANDA'S SPEECHES
OF PAST YEAR FAVORING BETTER DEAL FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND END
TO NATIONALIZATION AUGER WELL FOR MORE FAVORABLE CLIMATE GENERALLY
AND FOR U.S. INTERESTS.

4. MIN HOME AFFAIRS MILNER - RELUCTANT TO REMAIN IN GOVERNMENT,
MITNER,
A MAN OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER AND GOVERNMENT'S FOREMOST
ADMINISTRATOR, WAS PRESSED BWSPRESIDENT TO USE HIS MANAGERIAL
TALENTS AND NATIONAL
SECURITY EXPERIENCE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT A
CORRUPT AND INEFFICIENT NINISTRY.

5. ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MIN LERAL AFFAIRS SILUNGAE AK PASSED BAR
IN GREAT BRITAIN 1965-66. BARRISTER AT MANSA, THEN SENIOR
RESIDENT MAGISTRATE AT MONGU, JUNE 1969. NAMED COURT OF APPEALS

JUDGE ABOUT 1971. MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN. ACTIVE ROTARIAN AND
CHURCHMAN. WIDELY RESPECTED, CONSIDERED TOP ZAMBIAN JURISTS, RE-
PORTEDLY SELECTED OVER JUDGE CHOMA (WHO BECAME OMBUDSMAN)
BECAUSE
OF HIS PERSUASIVE ABILITY TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE. PARTIAL TO WEST.

6. MIN COMMERCE KUNDA - VIRTUAL UNKNOWN EVEN TO NEWSMEN AND
MINISTRY COLLEAGUES. BSE DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM MAKERERE
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UNIVERSITY. HEADMASTER OF TWO SCHOOLS AND BACK BENCH NR SINCE
WINNING 70-71
BY-ELECTION. HAS SEEMED ANTI-CAPITALIST IN EARLY OFF-
HAND PARLIAMENTARY REMARKS BUT MIDDLE LEVEL ZAMBIANS WHO KNOW
HIM SAY HE SEEMS MODERATE IF INEXPERIENCED.

7. MIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING MATOKA - STEADY, RELIABLE, BUT
MEDIocre ADMINISTRATOR, HELD ON AS REPRESENTATIVE OF LUNDA TRIBE,

IMPORTANT NORTHWESTERN PROVINCE GROUP. VERY FRIENDLY TO U.S. AND ANXIOUS FOR TRAVEL GRANT. WIFE PROMINENT IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.

8. MIN LABOR AND SOCIAL SERVICES BANDA - UNION LEADERS AS WELL AS

MINISTRY STAFF RELEASED AS HE HAS FEW PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS ON LABOR POLICY AND IS INITIALLY RECEPTIVE TO SUBORDINATE IDEAS. DROPPED FROM CABINET IN 1971.

APPOINTMENT REGARDED AS REHABILITATION AND TACIT ADMISSION HE MAY HAVE BEEN FALL GUY IN EARLIER CORRUPTION EPISODE.

9. MIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LUSAKA - EXTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE AS AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW AND UN. NOT, RPT, NOT KNOWN FOR PRO-AMERICAN SYMPATHIES ALTHOUGH FRIENDLY. AN EXPAT STATE HOUSE ADVISOR REGARDS HIM AS PLAYBOY AND HOPELESS CHOICE FOR MOST COMPLEX OF ZAMBIAN BUREAUCRACIES WHICH NEEDS DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL AND OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR.

10. MIN HEALTH BULL - BORN 1938. DAUGHTER OF INDUNA, MEMBER OF ROYAL COURT OF LITUNGA, PARAMOUNT CHIEF OF LOZIS. MARRIED THE DORE BULL, GRANDSON OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILLIONAIRE SIR OTTO BEIT, IN 1965. PHD IN HISTORY AT CAMBRIDGE 1970. FIRST ZAMBIAN WOMAN LECTURER AT UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA AND CHAIRMAN OF HISTORY DEPARTMENT WHEN NAMED MIN HEALTH AND FIRST WOMAN CABINET MEMBER. INTELLIGENT, FORCEFUL AND EXPECTED TO CARRY OUT ZAMBIA'S 10-YEAR HEALTH PLAN WITH ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM. BALANCED ADVOCATE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

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11. MIN POWER, TRANSPORT AND WORKS SOKO - LEAST IMPRESSIVE OF HOLDOVER MINISTERS AND BELIEVED ONE OF THOSE WHOM KAUNDA GIVING STILL ANOTHER CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. HAS COMPETENT STAFF TO SUPPORT HIM. IBRD, UNDP, AND EXPAT TRANSIT ADVISORS DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE HE POSSESSES KIND OF ENERGY NEEDED TO MANAGE TRANSITIONARY SITUATION WITH AUTHORITY, SKILL AND SENSE OF URGENCY IT REQUIRES.

12. MIN EDUCATION MULIDYA JA CONSIDERED ONE OF BEST CHOICE FOR NEW CABINET. RESPECTED EXPECTED BY HIS COLLEAGUES AND INFLUENTIAL IN UNIP

CIRCLES. PRESIDENT'S CHOSEN TO

CHAIR LAST FOUR UNIP NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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13. MIN LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCES AND TOURISM MULENGA - NARROW AND SUPRISING VICTOR IN DIFFICULT ELECTION RACE ON COPPER-BELT. RECEIVED DOCTORATE IN EAST GERMANY AND CREDITED WITH ASSISTING IN REESTABLISHMENT ZAMBIAN-EAST GERMAN RELATIONS IN EARLY 1973. HAS BEEN FRIENDLY TO INDIVIDUAL U.S. DIPLOMATS.

14. MIN CENTRAL PROVINCE LIBOMA - LOZI, BORN MARCH 13, 1939, AT MONGU. UNIP PARTY OFFICIAL IN WESTERN PROVINCE 1965-68. ELECTED PARLIAMENT DECEMBER 1968. DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR KABWE URBAN 1698-69. MIN STATE WESTERN PROVINCE 1969-71. MIN STATE FOR YOUTH 1971-73. MARRIED, AT LEAST ONE CHILD. VISITED U.S. BRIEFLY 1966. TEN MONTH AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE COURSE WEST GERMANY 1967. CONSIDERED GOOD ADMINISTRATOR.

15. MIN COPPERBELT PROVINCE CHALIKULIMA - AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE 1969-73. DIRECTOR ZAMBIAN YOUTH SERVICES 1967-69 AND EDITOR OF VANGUARD, VERY CONTROVERSIAL YOUTH SERVICE JOURNAL. ASSISTANT TO PROVINCIAL MINISTER 1965-67. REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS AND UNIP OFFICIAL PRIOR 1965. STUDIED COOPERATIVES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1968.

16. MIN WESTERN PROVINCE SIYOMUNJI A MIN STATE WESTERN PROVINCE 1968-73; DEPUTY SECRETARY TO CABINET 1966-69 INCLUDING SHORT

PERIOD SERVICED AS FIRST HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BOTSWANA 1968.
FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER, BORN 1918, ATTENDED SOLUSI MISSIONARY
COLLEGE, RHODESIA. NATIONAL GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF SOUTH AFRICA,
AND DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT SOUTH DEVON COLLEGE,
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ENGLAND. TAUGHT SCHOOL BRIEFLY 1938-39. MERCHANT CLERK 1939-47
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICIAL 1947-64. PERM SEC OFFICE
OF PRESIDENT 1964-66. MINISTER IN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH. MILD MANNERED.

17. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR MWILA AND HIGH COMMISSIONER PHIRI NAMED
MINISTERS NORTHERN AND NORTHWESTERN PROVINCES RESPECTIVELY FOR
DOMESTIC ROUNDING-OUT BECAUSE REGARDED AS ENERGETIC "COMERS"
WHO HAVE RESPONDED WELL TO KAUNDA'S "TRAINING" THROUGH FOREIGN
ASSIGNMENTS. ALSO THESE PROVINCES HAVE HIGH POTENTIAL FOR
MINERAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. PROVINCIAL MINISTERS
AS GROUP ARE SEASONED, EXPERIENCED MEN WHO EXPECTED TAKE
FIRMER CONTROL OF PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND SHOW WAY
IN GOVERNMENT DECENTRALIZATION.

18. ELECTION FORMER PROMINENT ANC FIGURE EDWARD LISO TO CENTRAL
COMMITTEE VACANCY BY NATIONAL COUNCIL DECEMBER 14 FULFILLS
PRESIDENT'S UNDERSTANDING WITH NKUMBULA TO RESERVE POLICY POST
FOR MEMBER THAT RECONCILED POLITICAL GROUP.
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